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true sphere to a grander Opera-house, and he has never regained the prestige which his performance in that house conferred. Others have attempted to replace him there, but Parisians sigh for the good old days when Roger made L'Opera Comique gloriously successful.

The artists at the Theatre Francaise are not equal to the full requirements of the vocal score of "Zampa." Mlle. Naddie executes florid music very brilliantly, but she lacks vocal and dramatic force to give the intenser points due effect. She acts her part in a pleasant manner, but by no means impressively. "Zampa" not only requires noble presence and bearing, winning and positively fascinating address and manner, but a tendre robusto of great range and dramatic instinct to guide and color its delivery. M. Armand has a good presence and a fair idea of stage bearing, but his voice is uneven, and needs constant driving, save in the softer passages. His efforts to produce the higher notes is almost distressing. He has, however, some happy moments, and in roles of less difficulty would be a successful candidate for public favor.

Mlle. Laurentes made "Ritta" very acceptable both vocally and dramatically, displaying as usual with this justly popular artist, nice perception of the character and music confided to her interpretation, united with vocal and dramatic ability commensurate with her excellent dramatic instinct.

Messrs. Chol and Edgard acted their parts well, but they lacked voice and skill to execute many trying passages. Their drollery and quaint, crisp dialogue carried off many vocal short-comings, and gave life and spirit to the performance. The chorus and orchestra were in good subordination and executed their portions of the opera very satisfactory.

WOLFSOHN'S SECOND MATINEE.

The second of Mr. Wolfsohn's Beethoven's Matinees took place in Steinway's Concert Parlor Friday afternoon, before a large audience of amateurs and professors. Mr. Wolfsohn's Selections were Sonata, A major, Op. 2, No 2; Sonata D major, Op. 28, and Sonata, D minor. Op. 31, No. 2. These selections were less trying than those he selected at his first matinee, and Mr. Wolfsohn consequently appeared to greater advantage. With the allowance made for qualifications lacking, as laid down in our first notice, Mr. Wolfsohn rendered the Sonatas in the programme very creditably, so far as the mechanical execution is concerned, although, even there, more clearness in the execution, and evenness in the scale passages, would have benefited the performance. Mr. Wolfsohn threw a shade more warmth into his Andantes, and a little more fire into his Allegros on this occasion, but still more *abandon* would give a vitality to his interpretations which they now very much need. As he becomes more accus-

ted to his audience, it is possible that he will unbend and throw himself more into his work. These matinees evidence a large step in our musical progress, as they will direct attention to the whole suite of piano works of the great master. Their good success also marks an advance in taste, for it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to draw together 250 people to listen to a resident professor interpret the "dry" works of Beethoven. The third matinee takes place on Friday, December 7, at the same place. Mr. Pollock sang three songs in a passably acceptable manner.

EDWARD MOLLENHAUER'S CONSERVATORY CONCERT.

The classical concert given to the pupils of his Conservatory and the public by Mr. Mollenhauer, at Irving Hall, was fairly attended on Saturday afternoon. The best feature of the programme was some admirable playing by the brothers Edward and Henry Mollenhauer. Their duo was a gem in execution and expression. We have rarely heard these gentlemen to such advantage, in points of brilliance, taste and finish. One of the pupils, a little girl of nine years of age, played a sonata of Beethoven in a very correct and pleasing manner. A new pianist, Mr. Hermann, played very badly, caricaturing the authors he attempted to interpret in a very heartless and ridiculous manner.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE CECELLIAN CHOIR.

The annual celebration of the Cecelian Choir took place at Irving Hall on Saturday afternoon. A number of Dr. H. S. Cutler's students, together with members of the press, were invited and sat down to an elegant dinner with the engaging and talented little fellows who form the Cecelian Choir. It was a delightful entertainment and the boys enjoyed themselves hugely. They were under no restraint, were full of fun, but behaved themselves like little gentlemen as they are. Dr. Henry S. Cutler, the teacher and director of their studies, seems to be specially beloved by them, and the vociferous cheer which followed the proposal of his health, must have done his heart good. The healths of Mr. L. F. Harrison and Mr. G. W. Morgan were also responded to with enthusiasm. Dr. Cutler addressed the boys in a very eloquent and feeling manner, and his remarks were listened to with profound attention and loudly cheered.

It is scarcely credible that five months ago these boys were utterly unacquainted with music, and yet a few nights since they performed in admirable style the whole of the choruses of Handel's *Oratorio of Samson*. The labor on the part of the teacher to accomplish this may be well imagined, and too much credit cannot be awarded to Dr. Cutler for his admirable method of training, and his patience, tenderness and gentleness toward the boys, who have learned not only to respect but to love him. His efforts have been crowned with remarkable success, and we look

forward with great interest to the future of the Cecelian Choir, hoping that before long they will perform some of the fine old madrigals and glees which would prove very generally attractive.

The President of the Society, James Geddes Day, Esq., being sick, sent the following sentiment, which was read by Dr. Cutler and received with much applause :

"St. Cecelia, our patroness, canonized by the old church, celebrated by the great poets—painted by the great painters—sang of by the great musicians, may we follow in their footsteps, and do our best to honor her."

Among the invited guests at the head of the table were George W. Morgan, R. D. Holmes (*Despatch*), C. B. Seymour (*Times*), Cooney (*Herald*), J. Darcy (*Spirit of the Times*), L. F. Harrison, House, Pattison, A. H. Wood, F. Gilder, S. W. Colby, &c.

One of the youthful Cecelians, G. K. Walcott, recited a poem, written by himself in honor of the occasion. We publish it, not for its high artistic merit, but to show how warm the feelings and how strong the ties are which bind the Cecelian Choir together.

THE FEAST OF THE "CECELLIANS."

To-day around the festive board,
With gladdened hearts we meet;
Our friends, who gather here to-day,
We all with friendship greet.
With happy hearts, with smiles upon each brow,
To each kind friend we bid a welcome now
To the Feast of the Cecelians.

"We've met before, as we shall meet again,
Around the sacred organ;
And guided through that "Samson" great
By the "baton" of our Morgan.
With him as Pilot, we will trust our ship,
To him, we always shall be proud to dip
The "Flag of the Cecelians."

Our Choir Master, who the honor bears,
Without the least emotion,
To him, we ever shall be tightly bound,
In ties of pure devotion,
The "verdict" of his work, he now can see,
'Tis now, or surely soon will be
The triumph of the Cecelians.

And by the looks, he here to-day,
Has proved a first-class sutler,
And tighter binds our friendship with
The honored name of Cutler.
To the Doctor's health, together raise the cup,
We won't forget, how he to-day has doctored up
The stomachs of the Cecelians.

There's many of us, advanced in years,
Long since our boyhood parted;
And yet, there's others in their prime
And some, not hardly started.
To those about to lay the plans of future life,
That they'll succeed, and rightly end the strife,
Is the prayer of the Cecelians.

In future years, when we relate
The scenes of other days,
How proud we'll feel, as our children rush
To hear what papa says.